

Peterson crowned sports star of the year

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UP and coming athletics talent Sheneae Peterson was last night named the 2011 Myles Junior Sports Star of the Year.

At a civic reception hosted by the City of Bunbury, Peterson, 16, defeated a strong field of 12 to be announced as the winner of the prestigious annual accolade.

She will receive fuel vouchers, and \$500 in cash from the Myles family.

Boxing prodigy Nathaniel May, also 16, was runner up.

Peterson represented Australia at the World Youth Commonwealth Games in the Isle of Man earlier this year, competing in the 400m hurdles and also represented Australia at a meet against New Zealand in Sydney.

The rising star ran two World Youth qualifying times in the 400m hurdles during the 2010-2011 season, and won a silver medal in the under 17 400m sprint at the National Championships held at Olympic Park, Sydney.

Peterson is also a West Australian Institute of Sport scholarship holder and has been named in the Athletics Australia under 17 development squad.

Peterson trains six nights per week, including one session a fortnight in Perth.

She has attended several intensive interstate training camps in recent years and has also assisted the South West Academy of Sport in some of their fundraising initiatives.

Meanwhile, May was also recognised for his outstanding recent form which has seen him named National under-17s 57kg title holder, as well as State under 17s 57kg and 60kg champion.

He was earlier this year rated inside the world's top 10 boxers for his age, after a strong performance at the Junior World Titles in Kazakhstan.

First introduced in 1966 by Ned Myles, the award recognises not only individual sporting achievement, but also being a role model for other juniors in the community.

Talented Bunbury athlete Sheneae Peterson, 16, has beaten an outstanding field of contenders for the 2011 Myles Junior Sports Star of the Year.